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LD 294

Senator Ingwersen, Rep. Pluecker and Distinguished Members of the Committee:
I write strongly in favor of LD 294's passage. Given that the Baxter State Park Authority is administered by three non-Native individuals, it seems abundantly clear that a Wabanaki perspective, and voice, is needed at this table in determining how best to protect Baxter's flora and fauna, and to continue to guide human use of what has been sacred land for the Wabanaki for millenia.

I read recently about the creation of a new national park near Macon, Georgia - the Ocmulgee Mounds, Indigenous mounds dating back to 900 - where management will be shared by the Muscogee Nation and the National Park Service. Maine needs to follow this example and open the door to shared decision-making in traditional Wabanaki territory. Please vote unanimously ought to pass for LD 294. Thank you!